

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Excused:** None

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 59, 1/7/2015; HB 107, 1/7/2015

00:00:01 Chair Essmann

### **HEARING ON HB 107**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 107, Revise defined contribution plan funding laws.

00:02:10 *Rep. Knudsen arrives*

00:04:28 Chair Essmann

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:49 Dore Schwinden, Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA)

00:06:39 Chair Essmann

00:06:48 Terrence Smith, self

**EXHIBIT(sth07a01)**

**EXHIBIT(sth07a02)**

00:07:50 Chair Essmann

00:07:01 *Rep. Funk arrives*

00:08:01 Terrence Smith, self

00:12:49 Chair Essmann

00:12:59 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

00:14:02 Chair Essmann

00:14:09 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:15:10 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:31 Rep. Wittich

00:15:56 Rep. Cook

00:16:21 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:17:15 Rep. Wittich

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00:19:03 Rep. Wittich

00:19:16 Chair Essmann

00:19:45 Rep. Cook

00:20:04 Chair Essmann

00:20:20 Rep. Cook

00:20:45 Chair Essmann

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:52 Rep. Cook

00:23:28 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 59****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:36 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 59, Increase university system supplemental contribution to TRS.  
00:25:15 Chair Essmann

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:31 Shawn Graham, Teachers' Retirement System  
**EXHIBIT(sth07a03)**  
00:30:30 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:54 Rep. Wittich  
00:31:27 Rep. Lynch  
00:31:43 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:32:31 Rep. Wittich  
00:32:59 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:34:11 Rep. Wittich  
00:34:39 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:35:35 Rep. Garner  
00:36:05 Rep. Lynch  
00:37:04 Rep. Garner  
00:37:39 Rep. Lynch  
00:38:22 Rep. Garner  
00:38:49 Rep. Lynch  
00:39:18 Chair Essmann  
00:39:22 Rep. Schreiner  
00:39:55 Rep. Lynch  
00:40:19 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:40:55 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:42:23 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:43:02 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:43:40 Chair Essmann  
00:43:44 Rep. Harris  
00:44:32 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:45:40 Rep. Harris  
00:45:59 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:47:01 Rep. Harris  
00:47:45 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:48:22 Rep. Schreiner  
00:49:19 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:49:43 Rep. Schreiner  
00:49:55 Shawn Graham, TRS

00:50:04 Rep. Garner  
00:50:44 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:52:20 Chair Essmann  
00:53:13 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:54:17 Chair Essmann  
00:54:44 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:55:07 Chair Essmann  
00:55:11 Rep. B. Brown  
00:55:47 Shawn Graham, TRS  
00:57:01 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:09 Rep. Lynch  
00:58:04 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

00:59:36 adjournment

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth07aad.pdf](#))**